In the event of extreme scarcity and drought conditions prevailing, arrangements are made by Government in order to ensure fodder supplies by throwing open forest reserves and Amritmahal Kaval lands for grazing and by opening fodder depots in drought stricken areas.

Smuggling of Arrack and punishment to offenders.

Q.—42. Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Hassan District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of gallons of arrack that was detected when being smuggled into Belur and Sakleshpur Taluks of Hassan District within a few days of the introduction of prohibition ;

(*b*) whether they are aware as to who are responsible for such smuggling ;

(*c*) whether the addresses of the contractors or vendors are found on the cans that are smuggled ;

(*d*) whether Government would confiscate the cans that are used for smuggling ;

(*e*) whether it is not desirable to inflict severe punishment on the contractors or vendors when they are caught ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) 63 gallons.

(*b*) Yes. Professional smugglers.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Confiscation of the property involved will be ordered by the Magistrates on the merits of each case.

(*e*) Punishments are prescribed under the law. The Magistrates award punishments on the merits of each case.

Grant of Amrit Mahal Kaval for Cattle owners.

Q.—64. Sri K. H. MUDIYAPPA (Chikmagalur District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of persons possessing one hundred cattle each in the State (information to be given District-war) ;

(*b*) the extent of pasture land required for grazing 100 cattle for a year ;

(*c*) the facilities provided by Government to Aided Cattle Breeders ;

(*d*) whether arrangements will be made to grant to the owners of cattle who have not got sufficient pasture for their cattle, lands in proportion to their requirements in Amritmahal Kaval for upset price ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) 5.

	Number.
(1) Chitaldrug District ...	2
(2) Hassan District ...	1
(3) Tumkur District ...	1
(4) Chikmagalur District.	1

(*b*) 1,000 acres.

(*c*) Aided Cattle Breeders are at present in possession of an extent of 1,500 acres each of pasture lands leased out to them.

(*d*) No. The leasing of suitable kaval lands that can conveniently be spared for purpose of grazing of cattle is being examined.

Tests for certifying purity of M.A. 5 Cotton.

Q.—71. Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the acreage of land growing M.A. 5 cotton ;

(*b*) whether any survey is made about the suitability of land for this purpose in the State ;

(*c*) the facilities created for certifying the percentage of purity of M.A.5. cotton grown by the agriculturist ;

(*d*) arrangements made for the supply of these seeds and for maintaining their purity ;

(*e*) the stage at which the tests are made ?